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SEEKING THE SOUL RETURNS TO WORK TAB FOR CLARK

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Friday, Nov. 15, 2019) – As the field continues to take shape for the Grade I, \$600,000 Clark presented by Norton Healthcare, **Charles Fipke's Seeking the Soul**, one of the early probable entrants for the 1 1/8-mile race on Nov. 29, began his serious preparation for the race with a half-mile breeze in :48.80 Friday morning at Churchill Downs.

Trained by **Dallas Stewart**, Seeking the Soul worked under his regular rider **Emerson Chavez** at 9 a.m. (all times Eastern) Friday and galloped out five furlongs in 1:02.40, according to Churchill Downs clocker **John Nichols**.

Stewart reported that Oklahoma Derby (GIII) third-place finisher **Chess Chief** also will be nominated for the Clark.

Seeking the Soul, who has earned more than \$3.4 million through seven victories, will attempt to become only the fourth horse in 145 years to win the Clark multiple times and the first horse to win the race in non-consecutive years. Horses with multiple wins in the Clark: **Hodge** (1915-16), **Bold Favorite** (1968-69) and **Bob's Dusty** (1977-78).

Other known probable entrants to the Clark, according to Churchill Downs' Assistant Racing Secretary and Stakes Coordinator **Dan Bork**, include **G M B Racing's** \$200,000 Fayette winner **Tom's d'Etat** and **Jim Bakke** and **Gerald Isbister's** runner-up **Mr Freeze**; and **Calumet Farm's** 2018 Clark runner-up **Bravazo**.

Trainer **Brad Cox** reported **Rupp Racing's** Oklahoma Derby winner **Owendale** may target the Clark. The 3-year-old son of Into Mischief is scheduled to breeze on Saturday at Churchill Downs.

Nominations for the Clark close Saturday and will be available online at www.churchilldowns.com/horsemen early next week.

BRISNET.COM FREE PAST PERFORMANCES FOR RIVER CITY – Brisnet.com is offering complimentary past performances for Saturday's \$175,000 River City (GIII) at <http://brisnet.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/RiverCity19.pdf>.

The River City is headlined by 5-2 morning line favorite **Mr. Misunderstood** as he defends his title in the 1 1/8-mile race on the Matt Winn Turf Course.

The complete River City field (with jockey, trainer and morning line odds): **Cullum Road** (Tyler Gaffalione, Mike Maker, 10-1); **Emmaus** (IRE) (Channing Hill, Conor Murphy, 5-1); **Blue Sky Kowboy** (Sophie Doyle, Michele Boyce, 20-1); **Mr. Misunderstood** (Florent Geroux, Brad Cox, 5-2); **My Bariley** (Santo Sanjur, Anthony Granitz, 30-1); **Space Mountain** (Ricardo Santana Jr., Maker, 5-1); **Bemma's Boy** (Julien Leparoux, Maker, 15-1); **Get Western** (Brian Hernandez Jr., Charlie LoPresti, 5-1); **Admission Office** (Jose Ortiz, Brian Lynch, 3-1); and **Lascaux** (Joe Rocco Jr. Jose Fernandez, 20-1).

Saturday's first post is 1 p.m. for the 11-race program. The River City is carded as Race 10 at 5:36 p.m.

MILESTONE WATCH – Entering the Friday's program at Churchill Downs, Hall of Fame trainers **Bill Mott** and **Steve Asmussen** were tied for second in the all-time standings at Churchill Downs with 717 wins. Asmussen, who had three entries Friday, trails all-time leader **Dale Romans** by 18 wins. ... **Ricardo Santana Jr.** was four wins away from 300-career Churchill Downs victories. Santana had five entries on Thursday. ... Trainer **Bernie Flint** was five wins away from 500 wins at Churchill Downs. Flint would become only the fifth trainer in history to record 500 wins at Churchill Downs: Romans (735 wins), Mott (717), Asmussen (717) and **D. Wayne Lukas** (532). ... Trainer **Eddie Kenneally** was five wins away from 400 victories at Churchill Downs. ... Churchill Downs' all-time leading owners **Ken** and **Sarah Ramsey** were two wins away from 500-career victories at Churchill Downs.

DOWN THE STRETCH – Racing continued Friday with a first post at 1 p.m. The Single 6 Jackpot had a \$56,432 carryover in Races 5-10. ... Trainer **Paul McGee** reported **Jay Em Ess Stable's** \$200,000 Locust Grove (GIII) winner **Go Google Yourself** will target the \$300,000 Falls City (GII) on Thanksgiving Day at Churchill Downs. ... Hall of Fame trainer **Nick Zito** moved a string of horses to Churchill Downs for the remainder of the Fall Meet along with Indiana-based trainers **Randy Matthews** and **Paul Holthus**. ... **"Inside Churchill Downs"** will return to the airwaves for its penultimate show of the season on Friday at 6 p.m. on ESPN 680/105.7. Those outside the Louisville area can listen live on www.espnloouisville.com.

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